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Convention Board approves school endowment study

By Don McGregor

A recommendation from the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission that a task force be established to "study and make preparation for implementing a major endowment campaign" was adopted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board this week during the board's annual meeting along with a suggestion to the convention that it approve a "major unified endowment campaign in behalf of Blue Mountain College, Mississippi College, and William Carey College."

In subsequent action, the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village was added to the study and preparation for the five-year endowment campaign on recommendation of the Children's Village Board of Trustees.

Planned growth in giving
Later the Convention Board declared that 1983-84, beginning with the 1983 convention, would be the Year of the Cooperative Program in Mississippi and endorsed cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention-adopted Planned Growth in Giving emphasis, including establishing a task force for implementation and electing a state director. The director named by the board is Julius Thompson, the consultant in the Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion Department. A national director is expected to be named by the SBC Executive Committee when it meets later this month in Nashville.

In his annual report to the board, Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, declared that historians may well record that this may be the most significant Convention Board meeting to take place within this century.

Planned Growth in Giving is a 15-year growth plan in Cooperative Program

giving that stems from a two-year study initiated by the Southern Baptist Convention and adopted this year in Pittsburgh. It is to be coordinated with Bold Mission Thrust, the SBC emphasis calling for an evangelistic witness to be made available to everyone in the world by the year 2000.

Officers of the Convention Board signed the Mississippi Declaration of Cooperation that was adopted by the board.

Bold Mission goals include having 5,000 foreign missionaries by 2000 in 125 countries, having 5,000 home missionaries in the U.S., having 10,000 volunteers to go on overseas assignments, having 40,000 volunteers to serve in the U.S., having 50,000 churches (there are now 36,000), and having 10 million enrolled in Sunday School.

Share 50-50

A goal of Planned Growth in Giving is to have state conventions sharing Cooperative Program gifts 50-50 with Southern Baptist Convention causes and 75 percent of the SBC portion going to missions—50 percent to foreign missions and 25 percent to home missions.

In making a report to the board, Thompson pointed out that in 1982 SBC churches gave \$3.1 billion totally. The goal for the year 2000 would be \$20 billion. In Mississippi the 1982 collection plate total was \$14.5 million. The 2000 goal would be \$90.5 million.

The board also approved a 1984 budget of \$16.5 million to be recommended to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November. Details of the budget will be presented in next week's issue.

The endowment campaign, if approved by the convention, would run for five years from 1985 to 1990. The

recommendation suggested that a consulting firm be employed to "conduct a thoroughgoing feasibility study and survey" related to the campaign. The task force would be asked to bring a report and recommendations for a "carefully defined" endowment campaign to the 1984 convention.

Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, and chairman of the Education Commission, pointed out

that Mississippi's Baptist colleges are low among Southern Baptist colleges in matters of endowment. Mississippi College has the largest among the Mississippi colleges at \$3,559,503, but it has 4,043 students for \$880 per student. William Carey has \$974,113 endowment and 2,390 students for \$408 per student. The largest per student amount in Mississippi is at Blue Mountain, where the endowment is

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Passing the torch

Glendon Grober, right, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, passes a torch at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., commemorating the centennial anniversary of Brazilian Baptists to R. Keith Parks, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Gene Triggs, Yazoo City, board chairman. Grober lit the torch in front of Jesus' tomb in Jerusalem and carried it throughout Brazil during the centennial celebration, sometimes preaching as many as 10 times a day. Grober also presented the Foreign Mission Board two commemorative medals and copies of the plaques given to churches started during the celebration and to the churches that helped start them. FMB photo by Paul Brock.

"El Nino" thrashes; Baptists' give relief

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Months of rain and flooding have cut a swath of destruction and human suffering through South America that Southern Baptist missionaries and local Baptists are struggling to relieve.

The flooding killed more than 100 southern Brazilians, drove some 350,000 from their homes in July, left just as many Argentines homeless, caused the deaths of nearly 1,000 Peruvians over six months and wreaked havoc in Paraguay, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Uruguay.

Many scientists and meteorologists are blaming the destruction on "El Nino"—"The Christ Child"—a normally gentle Pacific Ocean current that has turned savage this year. Some say last year's El Chichon volcano eruption in Mexico caused the freakish change in the current's impact on weather.

The Foreign Mission Board has dispatched more than \$634,000 to the seven countries for purchase and distribution of food, clothing, medicine and other supplies. Funds also have financed temporary shelters and church repairs.

Floods devastated three states in southern Brazil, where missionaries are working with Brazilian Baptists to distribute food and supplies to 1,500 families, including some stranded in areas still reachable only by mission plane. Missionaries have contributed more than \$1,000 of their own money to the relief effort.

National disaster

Flooding in six northeastern provinces of Argentina "has turned into both a natural and a national disaster."

ter," according to missionaries. About 350,000 people have abandoned their homes and towns or have been evacuated by the government. Water has stayed high in many areas and there is talk of permanently abandoning or relocating some cities.

"The picture is that of roads and bridges washed out, homes and factories and farmlands being flooded, precarious housing, widespread disease and unemployment at an all-time high," says an Argentine Baptist Mission report. Argentine home missionaries, local Baptists, and seminary student volunteers have distributed

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Baptist churches in Texas suffer \$2 million damages

DALLAS (BP)—Damage to Texas Baptist churches, homes and businesses from Hurricane Alicia was more extensive than originally thought.

Communications were disrupted by the storm, so it was several days before church leaders and mission directors could assess the extent of the damages.

More than 2,700 homes were destroyed or rendered unlivable by the hurricane, including about 1,400 in Galveston, which took the initial brunt of the storm's 115 mph winds.

Taylor Pendley, chairman of the Baptist General Convention of Texas'

12,404 meals

The Mississippi Disaster Unit worked in Baytown from the evening of Aug. 20 through the evening of the 25th. Volunteers cooked and served an estimated 12,404 meals in that time.

Church Building Recovery Task Force, estimates total damage to Texas Baptist churches will top \$2 million.

Sagmont Church, Houston, received more than \$500,000 worth of damage when high winds tore huge air conditioning units off the roof of its new sanctuary and ripped away part of the roof. The church is scheduled to occupy the building in October. Ralph Edwards, minister of education, said he didn't think the damage would delay the move.

"Initially we were guessing between \$200-300,000 in damages, but the insurance man said it would be closer to \$500,000," Edwards said. Water poured through holes left in the roof when the air conditioning units tore off and ruined carpet, ceiling tiles, and wall covering.

Kingsport Church, also in the Sagmont area of Houston, lost a portion of the roof over its educational space, "leaving the classrooms in shambles," said Mickey Scott, the church's pastor.

One of more than 90 tornadoes spawned by Alicia gutted the sanctuary at Fairmont Park Church, LaPorte. Two of the church's brick walls were knocked down, allowing high winds to rip out ceiling tiles, lights, and air conditioning ducts.

The church, which lost its entire facility in a fire seven years ago, moved into the damaged sanctuary in December, 1981. "One of our deacons estimated damage is \$200,000," said Michael Sabo, minister of music.

Ironically, Iglesia Bautista de Bonita Gardens in Houston suffered only slight damage, but when the power company restored the electricity, the building caught fire and burned.

Numerous other Texas Baptist churches also suffered damage, according to Pendley.

Disaster relief units from five Baptist state conventions—Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and

Oklahoma—joined with the Red Cross to feed 100,000 meals to disaster victims the first week after the hurricane. Disaster relief units from Alabama and Tennessee Baptists replaced the Mississippi unit and one of the Oklahoma units at the end of the first week.

Many Baptists, including members of University Baptist Church in Clear Lake, who weren't hit by the storm, took time off from their jobs to help their less fortunate neighbors.

Many people from that church had been volunteers following the Paris, Texas, tornado in 1982 and the series of tornadoes which devastated the Conroe-New Caney area, north of Houston, last spring.

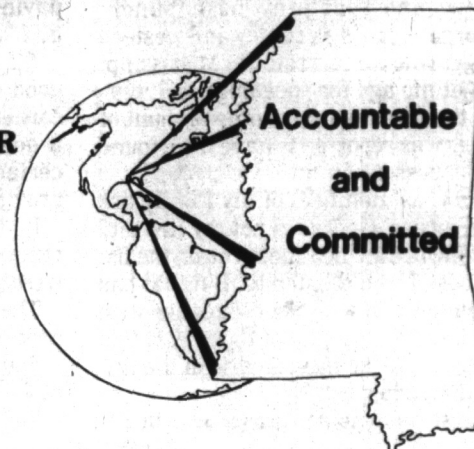
Volunteers from across the state, including Texas A&M University and Houston area churches, helped staff the Texas Baptist Child Care units in Galveston and Baytown.

They cared for children of disaster victims who were applying for disaster relief through government agencies at the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Centers.

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SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS

September 11-14, 1983



A special time of year

By Marjean Patterson, director, Mississippi WMU

What a nice ring it has—the STATE Mission Season of Prayer! We emphasize missions far-removed from our area—rightfully so—and get excited over the opportunities to pray and give for the work of missions in far-away countries with strange-sounding names.

At another time during the year we feature missions in America, and that's great. We urgently need to do that.

But when September rolls around, we turn our thoughts, prayers, and gifts toward mission work right here in our beautiful Magnolia State, to our own needs, to our own people.

When Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union began a special emphasis on state missions back in 1903, pioneer women leaders said, "The purpose should be to do for our state what our Christmas offerings do for China and our week of self-denial does for Home Missions."

I perceive the state missions em-

phasis, with its accompanying offering, to be a special manifestation of love and concern. The allocations which make up the goal for the Margaret Lackey Offering represent work dear to our hearts—missions camps for boys and girls, new missions, Parchman ministry, disaster relief, for example—and others which are ministries specifically to Mississippi folk. And isn't THAT where we need to start?

Blast nearby damages Beirut Baptist school

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP)—A French ammunition truck blew up in front of a building next door to the Baptist school in Beirut Aug. 25, breaking windows in the school and damaging the wall between the two buildings.

One person was killed and eight injured in the explosion, but no one was injured at the Baptist school. The building where the explosion occurred was heavily damaged.

Missionary Ed Nicholas said the blast knocked windows from the Baptist school, broke the kitchen windows of one missionary home, and blew open the wooden door on another. It also weakened the already sagging eight-foot concrete block wall between the buildings which will probably have to be taken down. Students were not at school, which is scheduled to open for a new term Oct. 4.

A contingent of French soldiers from the peacekeeping force in Lebanon was staying in the building where the explosion occurred, according to Jim Ragland, school director now on furlough in the United States. The troops came to the school yard to play basketball and "let off steam," he said.

According to news reports, a spokesman for the French contingent said an accidental fire destroyed the truck. But in Beirut, Armenian terrorists claimed they staged the fire and two other attacks to get comrades freed from French jails.

Christians may avoid court

Church members in Central Mississippi could settle legal disputes without hiring lawyers or going to a secular court if recent steps taken by Christian Conciliation Service (CCS) are successful.

Christian Conciliation Service is now affiliated with the Mississippi College School of Law, and has moved into offices on the fourth floor of the law school.

T. G. Stevens of Jackson is acting director and a board of directors is being named.

Fifty lawyers, 25 business men, and several ministers have pledged support and participation in the program. Stevens has contacted more than 100 local churches in the area and says he

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Written before death

Widow finds letter, comfort from husband

By Bill Webb

SILVER SPRING, Md.—A note on suffering and tragedy that Missionary Roger Thompson wrote just before his death brought unexpected comfort and encouragement to his young widow, Susan.

Thompson, 35, had struggled with events surrounding an April 30 mudslide that cost his family many of their personal belongings and forced them out of their missionary home. After retrieving belongings for two hours in a hailstorm at the time of the slide, his wife contracted bronchial pneumonia and was ill for four weeks.

"It seemed like we were just at rock bottom," Susan Thompson recalled from her parents' home in Silver Spring. Her husband had gone through what she called a "difficult time," visibly frustrated by the setbacks.

She and their children—Rachel, 8, Derek, 6, and Rebecca, 3—had been at her parents' home resting for nearly two weeks when Thompson and 118 others were killed as an Ecuadorian jetliner slammed into a mountain July 11.

She believes her husband wrote the note to share with her when the family returned home to Quito on July 14, to let her know how he had coped with his frustrations. As it turned out, his insights soothed her in her grief over his own death.

Discovered on Thompson's typewriter after his death, the note read:

"God never leaves us without com-

fort. Suffering is a part of life. We cannot avoid it. But there is a truth that gives us comfort. The grace of God always helps us triumph over sufferings.

"In times of tragedies we are able to understand lessons that we are not able to understand any other way. Sometimes difficulties come before the conquest, and after the conquest comes unexplainable joy. 'If God be for us, who can be against us?' (Romans 8:31).

"God always has our best interest at heart. The will of God, even though hard at times, is always the best."

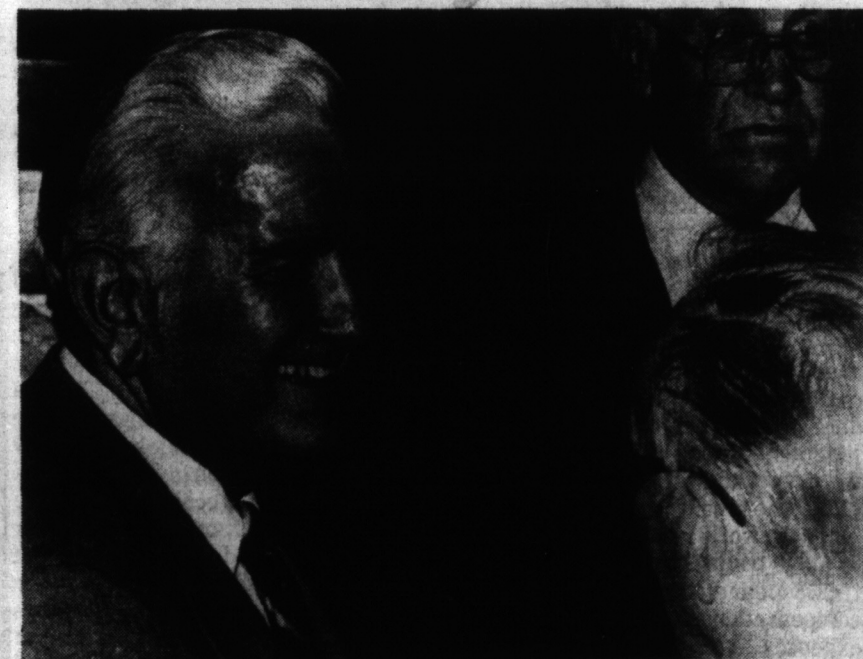
Susan Thompson returned to Quito July 14, accompanied by her brothers, Jim and Bob Rich—not for a joyful reunion with her husband—but for a memorial service with friends and colleagues and to get the family's affairs in order before returning to Maryland.

More than 100 missionary and Ecuadorian friends greeted her when she arrived in Quito. The time with the mission family and other Baptist friends "was great support," she said. "We had an awful lot of tears together."

She had resolved that during the memorial service at University Baptist Church in Quito on July 15 and the one to follow at Glen Burnie (Md.) Baptist Church July 19, "God would be glorified in the best possible way."

She asked Missionary Curtis Ferrell, a Mississippian, who had become

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Baptist Men's Rally

Approximately 380 persons were in attendance at the Baptist Men's Rally Aug. 19 at Parkway Church where Landrum Leavell, above, president of New Orleans Seminary, was guest speaker. Also on program for the Brotherhood Department-sponsored event, was Paul Ott Carruth, right, musician, and conservationist. (Tim Nicholas photos.)

Editorials

Ministry throughout eternity

by don mcgregor

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation is an agency that allows a person to provide a ministry and a witness for mankind that will last to the end of the age; and the real beauty of the foundation's ministry is just that, such a ministry and witness established with the foundation will continue to minister even after death has taken that one in whose name the ministry is established.

And it is all done with an asset that does not require a scintillating speaking ability or a charismatic personality. That asset is money, that measurable material that once it is invested has the ability of drawing more of itself to itself. People have money who never made a speech in their lives. People have money who are not ac-

tively engaged in the process of evangelistic witnessing. And while there is no substitute for the personal witness, people with money can use it in such a fashion that they can see their assets go to work in sermons, witnessing, education, organization, and in many other ways.

It is all done through the Baptist Foundation.

September is Mississippi Baptist Foundation Month. This is a month for giving particular attention to the ministry that the Mississippi Baptist Foundation accomplishes.

On this page are words by Harold Kitchings, the executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation. These words will help a great deal in the layman's understanding of what the Mississippi

Baptist Foundation is.

Simply stated, the Baptist Foundation is an extension of the life and endeavors of the person who invests in the Kingdom of God by investing in the lives of others who will serve in that kingdom. He accomplishes that extension by placing his money with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

An experienced, dedicated, and knowledgeable team of investment counselors determine how this money is to be used in order for it to make more money. Through their wise counsel there is always a sizeable gain in assets each year for the Baptist Foundation. None of this money is used for salaries or administration. It all goes into income producing investments.

There are many avenues through which such gifts can be channeled. And the small gift is meaningful as is the big one. The best way to start is to get in touch with Harold Kitchings. He will explain where to go from there.

It is a worthwhile way to put past endeavors to work again in such a way as to create ripples that will last throughout the age.

And what better time to give thought to the eternal use of money than at Labor Day, the day set aside to call attention to the honorable condition of gainful work. Yes, such investments will last to the end of the age and beyond, for in many cases they will result in the salvation of souls and thus pay off in gains that have no ending.

Launching Pad for Human Slaughter



Letters to the Editor

Great things at Woolmarket

Editor:
Great things are still happening at Woolmarket Baptist Church in Harrison County.

Recently the church voted to go into the "Together We Build Program." The reason being, we are completely out of space. Since February, under the leadership of our pastor, Donnie Guy, the church has grown tremendously. The church has gone from 288 on roll in Sunday School to 501, in Church Training from 185 to 339, with averages of 239 and 148 during the summer months. The church has had 130 additions in six months, and we still have people awaiting baptism. We are praising God for the revival our church is having.

Our goal for "Together We Build" is \$150,000. We will be constructing new educational space and a gymnasium. To help the over crowding in the sanctuary during worship service, we have started a children's church and have plans to go with two services in September. We are hoping to complete this building and be in it by January 1984.

We are really excited and give God all the praise, honor, and glory for all that is being accomplished at our church and are looking for even greater days ahead.

John Sherman
Chairman of Deacons

Impact in California

Editor:
This letter is to thank Mississippi Baptists for your Bold Mission Thrust/Mission Action/Bold Outreach/Personal Christian Ministry to our church in Springville, Calif.

In July, 1981, Baptist laymen from George/Green Association came for one week with our church to help us put up a multi-purpose building. We were a church with 47 members and one small building, and we had had only one baptism in that year.

In five days your men put up a building to house four class rooms/dining area, a kitchen, and two rest rooms. The construction of the building alone was well worth the effort of the men and association—and the cost. But I would estimate the labor of the

project (in retrospect) as only one-third of the actual effectiveness of the whole mission.

The men's impact on our community and the spiritual interaction with our people would be two-thirds of the effectiveness.

Today we are a small church of 71 members. There were 22 baptisms in the 1981-82 Associational year. Husbands of several of the women of our church have been saved and/or become active members as a direct result of the fellowship and spiritual impact of Mississippi men in the time of fellowship and meals.

The summer of 1983 two groups of men from Mississippi, from Pike County Baptist Association, came to help build a pastor's home—three bedroom, two bath. Fourteen men were here June 18-25, and 12 men were here July 9-16.

Tangible results: Baptisms, and the creation of three new Sunday School classes in 1982. And now, by Oct. 1983, two more SS classes and a pastor on the field.

Hooper Campbell
Pastor

Who takes time to care?

Editor:
You have adroitly addressed a serious problem among Southern Baptists—the dismissal of church staff without adequate severance compensation. Let me add that our churches are not alone in this practice.

I have experienced a similar dismissal from a Southern Baptist Seminary—with zero severance pay and no unemployment compensation.

With no income to meet financial obligations, my wife and I have been forced to impose on our families for food and board.

Perhaps we should no longer seek exemption from unemployment taxes for our churches and seminaries. It would appear that the United States government, with little more than the secular concern of preventing widespread financial default, is ultimately more ethically responsible than the Southern Baptist Convention.

Should we not seek measures that will impose upon us at least the same responsibility toward employees as that practiced secularly?

Name withheld

Being drunk paid off

One has to wonder what it is about George Jones that makes him immune from the law. For those who don't know, and that may be a bunch, George Jones is a country and western singer who was arrested in Mississippi sometime ago for speeding; and, during the investigation, some amount of drugs was reported to have been found in his possession.

Now, as members of my family are well aware, George is not my favorite singer. In fact, he is not even on the list of those I would listen to. But that has nothing to do with his escapades with the law. The subject of thought at this point is how he has fared with the law in Mississippi.

First, he was not prosecuted in the

normal manner of one charged with possession of drugs. Instead of the possibility of a jail sentence or at least paying a significant fine, he was told to give a benefit concert in Mississippi.

All right, perhaps he could draw a good crowd, and the proceeds of the concert might provide more money for a good cause than a fine would and certainly would be more than he could provide if in jail.

In the meantime, he was driving through Mississippi again, had a wreck, and demolished his Cadillac.

Then he failed to provide the benefit concert by the scheduled deadline.

Subsequently, the charge was dropped.

So here is a man who was speeding

and got caught, who was charged with having illegal drugs in his possession, and who wrecked his car on another occasion. He has walked away from all of that free and clear.

Somehow it doesn't seem right.

Perhaps the explanation in a news story as to why the charge was dropped will clear the air. The story said an incriminating statement that Jones made after his arrest would not be allowed as evidence because Jones was drunk at the time he made it. Without the statement there was not enough evidence.

Well, good. If one is to go speeding through the state and be charged with possession of cocaine, it pays to be drunk.

Let's hope that his blood alcohol content on the occasion of his arrest was less than the .15 limit allowed at that time. There was nothing said about being arrested for drunkenness.

There is one positive note to come out of all of this, however. At least a person who is so drunk that his statements would not be allowed in court would be arrested for drunk driving now that the blood alcohol content limit has been lowered to .10 instead of the .15 it was when George Jones was blazing his way across Mississippi in excess of the speed limit, allegedly drunk, and, also allegedly, in possession of narcotics.

Perhaps that's progress.

Whose freedom is violated?

It was inevitable that new laws placed on the books in Mississippi to try to bring a better moral atmosphere to the state would be challenged in court. To many thousands of people the abridgement of freedom to any degree at all is a more serious consequence than a lack of moral fiber.

And yet we live with abridgement of freedom each day of our lives. For all to have complete freedom of action with no restrictions would result in total disorder. Civilization is the result of mankind working out ways for people to get along with each other by agreeing on boundaries of freedom in

order for all to enjoy some measure of security.

How secure and free of fear we are able to remain depends on how well we are able to protect ourselves, or how well the appointed authorities are able to protect us, from those who would want to extend their own boundaries of freedom at the expense of the freedoms of others.

That is what is happening when our boundaries of morality, or the freedom to have a moral atmosphere, if you will, are challenged in court by those who want to extend the boundaries of

their own freedom. They base their actions on the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which is designed to give them freedom of speech.

Two laws are being questioned. One is the new regulation regarding the dissemination of pornographic material. It is tough to write a law on pornography because of the First Amendment, and people who have no interest in freedom generally hide behind this amendment to protect their own freedom.

We would all agree, no doubt, that our founding fathers did not intend to grant a license for depravity but rather intended to give people freedom to speak in order to seek to protect their security in whatever way it might be threatened or to establish their security.

Our founding fathers are not with us, however; and we must try to determine what they meant by becoming involved in court action. Those who would sue have a right to do so. We just hope that the courts will recognize that to grant them freedom to pursue their licentious interests is to impinge on the

freedom of many others who have managed to get this law passed in order to protect themselves and their families from such licentiousness.

The second law to be challenged is the one establishing rules for enforcement of drunk driving laws in the state. Again, there are those who cry that their freedom has been abridged, but we cannot allow unlimited license in the use of alcohol. The fact that we all agree that it has to be limited at all should tell us that it should be outlawed completely, but we have not been able to arrive at that position.

Any relaxing of the establishment of total abstinence and the broadening of freedom of those who use alcohol violates the freedom of those who don't and even goes so far as to invade upon their security and actually become a life-threatening circumstance.

We hope the courts will deal with this issue in such a way as to give law enforcement bodies the authority they need to enforce the laws that have been placed on the books at the cost of intense effort and several years of time.

We have our rights of freedom also.

Guest opinion . . .

An unfinished task

By Harold Kitchings

Shortly after the death of Mrs. George Meek, her husband discovered one of her "unfinished tasks," a beautiful tatting she was preparing for sale with the proceeds to go to missions.

Mrs. Meek, or Aileen, as she was affectionately known, had been a faithful teacher and worker with children and youth in her church, First Baptist, Jackson, for more than 53 years. Her particular affinity was for some of the Lord's "special children" in the ministry of her church.

Known in a unique way for her hospital ministry, she rendered free service filled to the overflow with love for the patients and their family members. She provided for them magazines, books, flowers, Scripture verses, and other personal items needed in times of hospitalization.

As Mr. Meek pondered the question: "How may her unfinished work be con-

tinued?" he remembered the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, an agency created by the convention for this very purpose. Thus, the "Aileen W. Meek Memorial Fund" has been established and is now in the process of continuing her unfinished task.

Since September is Baptist Foundation month across the Southern Baptist Convention, why not take advantage of this time to continue or perpetuate the service for the Lord of someone dear to you?

Harold Kitchings is executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

Avoid court

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believes CCS will soon have the broad base of support it needs before "we hang out our shingle."

Just what is CCS and how does it operate? Picture two people, both church members, who have a legal dispute. They call in members of CCS, one a lawyer, one a trained pastor, and a layperson. This team enables the two sides of the dispute to communicate their claims and to reconcile their differences.

CCS peacemakers are not legal advocates for either party but assist both sides to reach a voluntary agreement reflecting God's will.

The CCS movement is biblically based and cites such scriptural passages as I Corinthians 6:1-2: "If anyone of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints? Do you not know that God's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases?"

CCS peacemakers serve without compensation except for out-of-pocket expenses. A fee of \$50 per person is charged to cover cost of materials, training, and administrative functions.

Most of the meetings between those having the dispute are held in church. For more information, contact T. G. Stevens, P.O. Box 2163, Jackson, Miss. 39205, or phone 352-7300.

Faces And Places Miss Mississippi

by anne washburn mc williams

"Everywhere I saw crowns! Often I would open my Bible and immediately see a verse about a crown. One day in New Orleans, I looked up and saw that the bricks had broken off the top edge of a building and formed a perfect crown. Then when Mom came to the Vicksburg pageant, she stayed at Best Western, and noticed on the menu their trademark, a crown."

To Wanda Gayle Geddie, this was overwhelming confirmation that she would be crowned Miss Mississippi on her third try. (She and her parents had been praying for a long time that she would win, if that were the Lord's will.) She succeeds Diane Evans, who was first runner-up to Miss America, 1982. William Carey College, which claims them both, has had three Miss Mississippis from its ranks in seven years.

Since I had just read Cheryl Prewitt's book, *A Bright-Shining Place*, I could hardly wait to see the Vicksburg home of Briggs and Pat Hopson, where Wanda is making ready for the Sept. 14-17 Atlantic City pageant. There a black Doberman-Joker—walked to the door of the brick two-story house. Karen Hopson invited me into a foyer paved with cobblestones. Five minutes I waited, on a tufted leather couch, surrounded by books and photos of past Miss Mississippis—one of them Karen, whose portrait hangs above the mantel. Through a wall of tall windows I could see woods beyond the patio and pool.

It was late afternoon, but I felt that with Wanda the warmth and luminous glow of the morning sun appeared. Such was her vitality. She was wearing a striped knickers-jumpsuit in rich golds, yellows, oranges, and pinks that

reflected the reddish sheen of her light brown hair. Her green eyes are fringed with long black lashes; her perfect skin is deeply tanned. (Age 24 on Aug. 19; weight, 125; height, 5'9").

Photographers from *People* magazine had been following her and Pat a couple of days as they shopped and as Wanda tried on clothes, had her hair done, exercised, sunbathed, took part in mock interviews, etc.

"Why would you like to be Miss America?" I asked. Her words flowed, without effort. "It's the best PR job in the world, and would be an opener for career opportunities. I hope to work in a promotional capacity, in connection with the arts. Being Miss America would not, I realize, be all glamor and travel. It could be hard work—but I see it as an opportunity to be a Christian witness, to be a positive influence on others. God has been good to me, and he has made me an emotional being. The needs of people, the poor, the sick, the starving, touch me deeply. As Miss America, I would meet many across the country. Perhaps I could in some way reach out and show how much I care."

As one of the Mainstream Singers of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, she sang in New York City, and witnessed to persons on the streets. "I didn't realize how hungry so many are for God until I actually got out and came face to face with them."

In the state pageant this summer she sang "Since I Fell for You." It was not until she was 18, she said, that she discovered her vocal talent. Wanting to enter a Miss Carey pageant then, she tried out a song for her aunt, Jan Nix (a former music director at Baptist Children's Village). She assured her, "You can do it!" Friends were skeptical, but



Wanda Gayle Geddie

she did show them she could sing—and that was the beginning.

Since her graduation from William Carey in 1980, she has taken voice lessons there and also in New York City. Later she may pursue a master's degree in communications at Christian Broadcast University, Virginia Beach, Va.

With a double major in art and biology, she had planned to be a biological illustrator, and did an internship at a marine lab in Ocean Springs. "One day I was drawing fish scales when I suddenly thought, 'There must be

more to life than this! I don't want to spend my life in a room alone. God has more than this for me.'" And she decided to change career directions.

Wanda was born in Vicksburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geddie, but lived in Iowa and upper New York state before moving to Hattiesburg at age 13. "Voorheesville, N.Y., was a rural type place, so I didn't feel too much transition when we moved here," she recalls. "I was brought up in a Christian home. No matter what we face afterward, if we have been prepared at home, we will be ready for it. I feel that my parents did a good job in getting me ready to go out into the world to face the temptations and pressures of everyday life. They are my good friends. They respect my opinions and have supported me in this competition." Her father owns a Western Auto Store in Hattiesburg. (The Geddies are members of the Main Street Baptist Church.) Her sister, 25, and brother, 28, are both married and live in Hattiesburg.

"I hate dishonesty and cruelty!" she declared. "My biggest challenge? To keep my face out of the refrigerator! I'm not much of a sports lover, but I like to ride my bicycle. I love to shop, wear pretty clothes, and do 'girl things' like putting on make-up and nail polish. I like to watch television. Maybe I shouldn't say this, but I like to watch soap operas—and comedy shows and newscasts."

Now, though she is unusually busy, she continues her practice of getting up at 6 in the mornings for a quiet time "to communicate with God. I am so happy and feel so close to him, in praising him, that my tears just overflow." She looked up and smiled. Her dimples deepened. "God gave me this voice. When he gives you a talent, he expects you to develop it; I want to let God sing through me."

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"El Nino" thrashes; Baptists give relief

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buted more than 800,000 pounds of food, milk, clothing, shoes, and medicine paid for by Southern Baptist relief and hunger funds.

In northern Peru, 12 feet of rain in six months dissolved adobe homes and roads and temporarily turned that part of the country into "one huge lake," in the words of one missionary. In Peru's richest agricultural region, Piura department, rains destroyed 80 percent of an anticipated bumper crop. The department's capital, also called Piura, with 250,000 residents, was isolated from land communications for four months. Missionaries and Peruvian Baptists teamed up to provide medicine, temporary shelter, and food in the hard-hit Piura and Chiclayo areas.

Chapel destroyed
Fourteen mudslides destroyed the chapel and two walls and dumped three-and-a-half feet of mud on the Baptist encampment at Santa Eulalia, in the mountains east of Lima. Before the camp was damaged, Baptists sheltered and fed 50 refugee families whose homes had been destroyed.

The Foreign Mission Board released \$42,400 to pay the air freight to Ecuador of more than \$250,000 worth of antibiotics, cold and cough medicines, and anti-parasite and trauma medicines provided by MAP (Medical Assistance Program) International. The free medicines were distributed to flood victims through an Ecuadorian evangelical committee.

In Guayaquil, Ecuador, \$40,000 in Southern Baptist relief funds helped build a bridge, repair homes, and provide drainage pipes and badly needed landfill. Many of the materials were used in a ghetto area of 300,000 people. The assistance helped earn Ecuadorian Baptists a reputation for practicing what they preach, according to missionary Ed Ables.

In Paraguay, more than a year of

Revival is nothing else than a new beginning of obedience to God.—Charles G. Finney

chronic flooding has plagued city and countryside alike, drowning crops and driving thousands of people into refugee camps. Some sizable communities have been evacuated permanently.

Missionaries and Paraguayan Baptists have distributed food, medicine, supplies, and plastic roofing in several areas, particularly among the Maka Indians, who lost their homes and hunting grounds to flooding. Many of the Maka now huddle in a makeshift camp near Asuncion, Paraguay's capital.

Missionaries also have aided the Lengua Indians, whose crops have been destroyed. Lengua children are "very malnourished," reports missionary physician Bill Skinner. He hopes \$20,000 in Southern Baptist hunger relief funds will help keep them alive until another crop can be harvested, possibly by the end of this year.

Skinner and missionary colleague Tom Kent have led medical teams into flooded areas regularly, treating patients and dispensing medicine. Baptist medical resident Gabriel Rodriguez recently treated 295 patients in two days in the Concepcion area.

Flood victims receiving aid respond to evangelistic witness, Skinner says. Of some 2,000 people aided in the city of Encarnacion, about 140 attend worship services and more than 75 have made professions of faith in Christ.

In addition to the South American destruction, "El Nino" has been held responsible for coastal flooding in California and floods in the Mississippi Valley, 19 heavy tropical storms in the Pacific during 1982, drought in the Philippines and Hawaii, and Australia's worst drought.

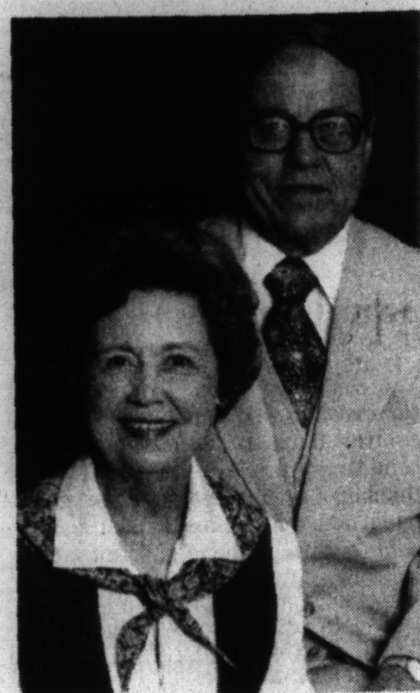
Campers on Mission to rally at Boone's Camp

The fall Mississippi Campers on Mission Rally, Sept. 23-25 at Boone's Camp, Columbia, will feature Pete Petty and his son Harley. The two, when performing, are known as Beep and Boomer. They will discuss Christian clowning and how it can be used in camping ministries.

The senior Petty is director of mission ministries for the Arkansas Baptist Convention and Harley is an 8th grader who adds magic tricks to his clowning.

Campers on mission is a fellowship of Christian campers who desire to share their faith. Open to all denominations, the national organization is sponsored by the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board. No membership fees are required. For more information, contact the Cooperative Mission Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Prayer is listing, listening, learning and living in obedience.—J. Robert Ashcroft



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers

Uruguay suffers from flooding

By Betty Poor
PAYSANDU, URUGUAY—Baptist missionaries and nationals are seeking to minister to as many as possible of the 5,500 people evacuated from their homes due to flooding of the Uruguay River in the cities of Artigas, Salto, and Paysandu.

Foreign Mission Board relief funds are being used to help provide food, clothing, and medicine for the flood victims in the northwestern part of Uruguay, which borders Argentina and Brazil. The flooding is due to heavy rains in south Brazil during the southern hemisphere winter (July and August). Missionary Donald Davis, field evangelist in Mercedes, the missionary stationed nearest to the flooded areas, is administering the relief work with the cooperation of the Uruguay Baptist Convention. Davis is also disaster relief co-ordinator of the Uruguay Baptist Mission (organization of Baptist missionaries in Uruguay).

In Artigas on the Brazilian border about \$500 has been spent for food for flood victims. In Salto about \$800 was spent for food. About 100 blankets and a large stock of tennis shoes for children were also distributed in Salto. Both Artigas and Salto have strong Baptist churches which can continue to carry on a ministry to the people who have been helped. The Salto church, pastored by Carlos Tschanz, is one of the largest in Uruguay.

The Baptist church in Paysandu has opened a dispensary, where it is giving out multi-vitamins and anti-biotics. Relief money was also used to purchase two nebulizers. These are machines to help flood victims with respiratory problems, which are common among people exposed to dampness. Hugo Batista, a graduate of the Uruguay Baptist Seminary, is pastor of the Paysandu church.

The Baptist Mission and the Uruguayan Bible Society are co-operating in providing Christian literature for all the flood victims. The executive secretary of the Bible Society is Guillermo Milovan, also president of the Uruguay Baptist Convention and pastor of the Pocitos Baptist Church in Montevideo.

Betty Poor, a journalist, is a missionary in Las Piedras, Uruguay.

Myers to retire, plans pastorate in Argentina

Charles E. Myers, pastor of Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, since Sept. 15, 1968, has announced his retirement, effective Sept. 15. The church will give a retirement reception, in honor of him and Mrs. Myers, on Sunday evening, Sept. 11, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., instead of the regular Sunday evening schedule.

Myers said that he will preach the same sermon he preached the first Sunday at Alta Woods as his last sermon as pastor there on the morning of Sept. 11. This will be the first time in the 15 years he has served Alta Woods that he has repeated a sermon.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention last year elected Myers to preach this year's convention sermon. Myers, who has travelled and preached in Europe and Latin America, has been invited to serve as pastor of the English-speaking church in Buenos Aires,

Argentina, which he will begin in July of 1984. Between his retirement this September and leaving for Argentina in July of 1984, he will be supply preacher in this area. He and Mrs. Myers have purchased a home in Jackson, and plan to make Jackson their home.

Myers was a devotional speaker for MasterControl (one of the Radio and TV Commission's most popular radio programs) for over 10 years. He was with MasterControl from its beginning. He has served on many denominational boards and committees, including chairing the Resolutions Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1979; the Home Mission Board; the Annuity Board of SBC; trustee of Oklahoma Baptist University and Midwestern Baptist Seminary; and Texas and Mississippi's Christian Action Commissions.

Wayne County reaches East and West

Groups from the Wayne County Baptist Association recently completed two mission trips, one to Cuba, New Mexico, the other to Butler, Penn.

The Cuba group put up a 2,000 square foot building for First Church in four-and-a-half days, while conducting a revival and helping in Vacation Bible School. A side trip one day was to install two complete bathrooms at the Indian mission nearby.

Those traveling to Butler also did building and Bible school work for Whitestown Road Baptist Church. The men put up sheetrock, constructed a platform for the pulpit, and did other trim and miscellaneous work. The women held a daily Backyard Bible Club.

Jimmy Knight of the Jimmy Knight Evangelistic Association, coordinated both trips.



The Cuba work group from Wayne County are from left Robert Robinson, Faith Chapel Church; Jimmy Clark, and Johnny Pigg, both of Calvary; George Shoemaker, First Church, Clara; Lynn Mackey, Wayne director of missions; and Jimmy Knight. Not pictured is Aaron Waite of First, Clara.



The women from Wayne County at Butler from left are Judy and Elsie Wimberly, Lurline Pryor, and Lisa Shoemaker, all from Pleasant Grove Church. Seated left is Amy Wimberly, also of Pleasant Grove. Vivian Taylor of First Church, Clara, is not pictured.



The Butler work crew from Wayne County are Jimmy Knight; Julian Ratcliffe, Pleasant Grove Church; Jerry Taylor, First, Clara; and Gerald O'Dom, Pleasant Grove.

Convention Board approves school endowment study

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\$1,606,098 and students number 540. That is \$2,974 per student.

By comparison, those with the largest figures are the University of Richmond with an endowment of \$89,259,000, a student body of 4,767, and endowment per student of \$18,724; and Wake Forest University with an endowment of \$77,588,900, a student body of 5,402, and endowment per student of \$14,363. It was pointed out that these schools have almost broken away from the denomination.

Nation's largest
Baylor University, on the other hand, the largest in the nation, has a sizeable endowment of \$82,240,000 but a student body of 14,693 and an endowment per student of \$5,597.

Employees of the Convention Board were voted a 4 percent cost of living increase for 1984. Also an amount not to exceed 2 percent was budgeted for merit raises for 1984.

Mose Dangerfield, director of the Church Training Department, presented a feature on Developing Believers, an emphasis for 1983-84.

Keith Wilkinson, director of the Sunday School Department, presented a feature on "8.5 by '85," the nationwide Sunday School growth emphasis seeking 8.5 million enrolled in Sunday School by 1985.

James F. Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, delivered the devotional thoughts. Charles Pickering, Laurel attorney and president of the Convention Board, presided.

\$2 million

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Despite the widespread destruction of the hurricane, there were relatively few deaths.

Lisa Norman, a 24-year-old member of Second Church, Highlands, was killed Aug. 18, when a tree fell on the car she was riding in with her husband and son. They were returning to their home after the storm, said LaNelle Neatherlin, a secretary at the church.

Off the Record

A Texas oil millionaire went to an honest dentist who promptly told him: "Your teeth are in perfect shape. There's no work necessary. They don't even need polishing." "Start drilling anyhow," ordered the millionaire. "I feel lucky today."



"Beep and Boomer"

Widow finds letter, comfort

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a close friend to Thompson in the 15 months the Thompsons had been in Ecuador, to preach the message in Quito.

Curtis Ferrell is former pastor of the Spanish congregation at Broadmoor Church in Jackson. His father, a former missionary to Argentina, is now pastor of that mission.

"He had been through so much," Mrs. Thompson said. He had been waiting for Thompson's plane to land at Cuenca the day of the crash and had tried for two days to identify his friend's body.

"Curtis, I just want you to dig up from the bottom of your heart the best evangelical sermon you can come up with, because we're going to be praising God that night," she told him. "He just grinned at me and said, 'I can do it.' He preached a wonderful sermon."

Mrs. Thompson shared her husband's message on suffering at both services. She assured both groups she was confident her husband was with God and that "I know Roger would want you to know Him and accept Him as your Saviour."

Despite feeling pain and hurt, she said, "I have joy, and I have peace." At least two persons accepted Christ and several made other decisions in a spontaneous invitation that climaxed the service in Maryland.

Baker James Cauthen, emeritus executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, preached an evangelical message, and Mrs. Thompson's father, Robert Rich, requested an invitation. "I think we all felt there was something more to the service than just the memorial," Mrs. Thompson said.

Thompson's sudden death caused others to look at their own lives, she noted.

"I personally feel the Ecuador Baptist Mission will never be the same," she stated. "I think everyone went away (from the service) feeling they were going to be more faithful to what God had called them there to do."

She is confident the couple made a lasting impact on the work in Ecuador, though they served little more than a year.

She said Thompson's most outstanding missionary attribute was his love for the Ecuadorian people, a love his Old Testament seminary students recognized and valued. One of the primary responsibilities in Quito was his work at the Baptist bookstore, where he led two persons to Christ. One of those young men is preparing to enter seminary.

Thompson preached frequently in both Spanish and English. At the time of his death, he was on his way to Cuenca to direct a group in the use of a soul winner's New Testament in evangelistic witnessing.

Missionaries recovered a portion of the Old Testament from the Bible that Thompson had with him on the

plane—the one he had used since he became a Christian 13 years ago. That it survived the explosion and fiery crash is a sign that God saved it for them, Mrs. Thompson believes.

In his own way, Thompson left her and the children with treasures they will appreciate for years to come, she commented. An avid reader, he frequently wrote notes to her and the children in his books—"notes he wanted us to read later on as we would look over them and as the children got older."

Susan Thompson figures they will find many messages as they examine his library of several hundred volumes—messages that will guide, comfort, and encourage, as did the one Roger Thompson left on his typewriter.

(Bill Webb writes for the Foreign Mission Board.)



Breaking ground in Booneville

More than 150 citizens watched as leaders from Booneville and Prentiss County, as well as Baptist Memorial Health Care System, Inc., broke ground Aug. 7 for the renovation of Baptist Memorial Hospital-Booneville on U.S. Highway 45 South. First phase of the project is the building of a new patient section, which should be complete in January 1985. Administrator John Tompkins says. The project also calls for renovating most of the rest of the hospital, which will have 121 beds when construction is complete.



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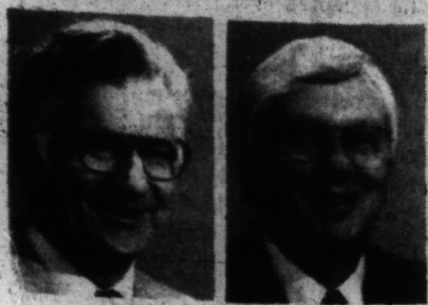
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Librarians to meet at Tupelo church



Mee

Keith Mee, James Rose, and Jacquelyn Anderson of the Church Media Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will lead conferences at the Mississippi Church Media Library Workshop to be held at Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, Oct. 21 and 22.

Mee will lead a conference entitled "Promotional Ideas and Techniques." He is supervisor, program and field service section of the Church Media Library Department. He is a native of Oregon and attended the University of California

and the University of Kentucky.

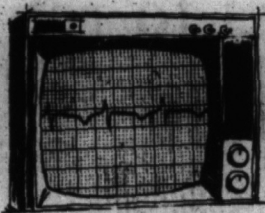
Rose will lead a conference entitled "A Church Media Library At Work." He is a consultant with the Church Media Library Department. Before moving to Nashville, he was pastor of Stanton Baptist Church in Kentucky. A native of Kentucky, he is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and he attended Southern Seminary.

Jacquelyn Anderson will lead a conference for experienced church librarians, "Advanced Classification and Cataloging." Miss Anderson, a Georgia native, holds a master's degree in library science from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville.

The workshop is for all workers in church media libraries. It will begin at 1 p.m., Oct. 21, and conclude at noon, Oct. 22.

The librarians' banquet will be held at Harrisburg Baptist Church at 6 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 21. Mrs. Ida Nell Holloway, author from Nashville, will be the banquet speaker.

Mrs. Margaret Perkins of Columbus is the president of the Mississippi Media Library Organization. Larry Salter is the Church Media/Library Consultant, representing the Baptist Building.



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I thought I was doing o.k. until I attended the singles conference at our state assembly. For several years we have attended the family week. It was one of our very favorite annual family experiences. I found myself weeping quite a bit that weekend but was able to handle it. We plan to go to family week again. Shall I forewarn my daughter that she may have a similar reaction, or shall I wait to see how things go? Should I figure out some reason to cancel the trip?

C.W.

Dear C. W.: Your reaction was a normal expression of grief. Since you feel that you were able to handle it, we expect your daughter will do the same, with your help. No doubt she has had other experiences when her loneliness was intensified by daddy being absent.

You could say to her, "Honey, I was surprised to find some grief feelings coming back in the assembly surroundings, but I made it o.k. as I thanked God for the good times we have had there. If you should have some similar feelings, just know they are normal and don't be afraid of them. We will go, expecting to have a good time as a family again. I know that is what Daddy would want us to do."

If you fear giving her an expectancy of grief by mentioning it beforehand, you should be alert to what is happening during the time and then share your experience with her.

No, don't cancel the plans. There may be some pain; but with the Lord's help and the support from your friends, you will continue to enjoy the Family Week. It might help to share your feelings with one of the competent counselors serving on the faculty.

Inquiries to Intensive Care are welcomed. Readers who feel the need of being in touch with Intensive Care are encouraged to write. Identities remain confidential. And though the identities of those performing this ministry have been kept confidential to this point, they are well qualified for the service they are rendering. Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.—Editor.

Gilfoy nurses gather to share memories

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital/Gilfoy School of Nursing held a reunion on August 6. Alumni from as far away as California and Minnesota came together to share their memories and make new ones. Memories representing a 60-year era of diploma nursing education at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Lula Davis, of the class of 1914, was the senior alumnus present. At 93 years young, Miss Davis was an eye witness to the construction of the 50-bed, two-story brick Baptist Hospital on the corner of Manship and North State Streets. With the opening of that "new" hospital in December, 1914, the original "hospital house," the one-story frame structure purchased by the Baptist Convention in 1911, became the first nurses home.

In 1914, Baptist Hospital had 377 patients, nine student nurses (four graduates), its first hospital superintendent (Bryan Simmons) and less than 10 physicians on staff.

The MBH/Gilfoy School graduated over 1,400 nurses from its first class in 1912 to its last in 1971. Some 222 of those were present at this 1983 reunion. They were hosted to a breakfast buffet at MBMC and a tour of the facility. The afternoon was left open for visiting, followed by a business meeting and dinner at the Holiday Inn Southwest.

A alumni memorial project, an exhibit reflecting the story of the nursing profession and the history of the MBH/Gilfoy School was approved by the group. Norton McKelney of Business and Industrial Graphics, has been

commissioned for the \$30,000 project, which will be financed totally from contributions. When completed, the exhibit will be housed at MBMC. Newly elected alumni officers for the coming year are Vivian Butler Chestee ('57), president; Ann Grider McGehee ('68), vice president; and Brenda Miles Castleberry ('63), secretary/treasurer. The next alumni reunion is scheduled for 1985.

Grenada helps "sister"

First Baptist Church, Grenada, helped its sister church in Torrington, Wyoming, this summer. A group of youths and adults traveled to Torrington to conduct Vacation Bible School, and the pastor, Jimmy McGee, preached in a revival.

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Church, Wiggins; and the northern part of the state on Oct. 13 at North Oxford Church, Oxford.

Two sessions are planned at each location. The 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. session is designed to meet the needs of full-time ministers of music. The 7-9:30 p.m. session is designed to meet the needs of volunteer, part-time, and bivocational music directors. The sessions are not restricted. Anyone may choose to attend either or both sessions, a Mississippi Baptist Church Music Department spokesman said.

Highlights of each session include a music reading session; enlistment and motivational ideas; ministry ideas; and helps with the day-in-day out, week-in-week out ministering to youth through music. It was noted that there is no charge for these events. They will be co-sponsored by the Church Music Department and Hinds-Madison Gulf Coast, and Marshall associations. All planning to attend are added to pre-register by writing or calling the Church Music Department by Oct. 1.

Montrose marks centennial

Montrose Baptist Church, Montrose, celebrated its 100th anniversary on Aug. 7. Howard Davis of Webster County brought the message in the morning service, which was the beginning of a week's revival efforts.

During a special centennial celebration at 2 p.m., after lunch served in fellowship hall, former pastors, former members, and other guests were recognized.

As various ones pointed out how much this church has meant to them through the years, the pastor, James Pugh, Sr., stated, "We have had faith in God, in our fellow man, in our church, and in our community, making this our 100th year a real milestone in the family of God. But we cannot stop here; we must strive to do even better for our Lord. We all rejoice and proclaim, 'To God be the glory, great things he hath done!'"

Ham will direct music workshops for youths

Three Regional Youth Music Leadership Workshops scheduled for Mississippi in October will be held by Dick Ham, youth music consultant, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The workshops are planned for the central part of the state on Oct. 10 at Southside Church, Jackson; the southern part of the state on Oct. 11 at First

Taylor, Hill win scholarships

David Taylor, a member of Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, and Nancy Hill, a member of First Church, Clinton, were scholarship winners during the State Youth Vocal Festival in July at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

Both of the winners were awarded \$150 scholarships. Taylor will enter Mississippi College this year, and the school will match the festival scholarship. Taylor has participated in the festival for three years.

Both Taylor and Miss Hill sang their festival selections as a part of the Mississippi Baptist Youth Night program Aug. 12 at the coliseum in Jackson.

The vocal festival is an annual event for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade soloists.

Headline may have been misleading

It has been noted that a headline in the Baptist Record issue of Aug. 18 failed to separate the two main ingredients of the item's lead paragraph: the election of Rick Alford as Baptist Student Union director at Northwest Junior College and a tax audit of Morrison's Inc. There was no relationship between the two portions of the item.

Though the headline was factual, though possibly misleading because of the listing of two unrelated portions, it was not grammatically correct in that a semicolon should have replaced the comma between the two portions.

Young camper dies

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (BP)—A Christian High Adventure camper critically injured in a traffic accident near Dawsonville July 19 died July 27 at Northeast Georgia Medical Center.

Tray Tanner, 17, died without regaining consciousness after suffering massive head injuries when the van carrying him and six others was struck and overturned by a truck which ran a stop sign on Highway 53.

The group, including CHA staff members Christopher Baskin, 21, and Ronald Thurman, 25, had been bound for a week on the Appalachian Trail.

Thurman was hospitalized for abrasions and bruised lungs and later released. Baskin, a Home Mission Board summer missionary, and the remaining four boys were treated and released.

Four Bible majors offered at Carey

"Four majors offered in biblical studies" was the title of one article in the Aug. 25 Education Issue of the Baptist Record. However, the article did not specify which college was offering the four majors. It is William Carey College, Hattiesburg.



Garaywa summer staff

Front row (all from left): Trish Simmons, camp director; Rhonda Latch, Hornsby, Tenn.; Lawanda Cuevas, Poplarville; Tanya Hart, Isola; Donda Hill, Forest; Hope Freeman, Hazlehurst; Ann Furr, Poyayune; Melanie Clevenger, Tupelo; Second row: Laura Arrington, Delta City; Paula Frazier, Pearl; Susan Guy, Braxton; Melody Floyd, Iuka; Paula Bates, Church Hill; Barbara Byrd, Meadville; Linda Wallace, Bogue Chitto;

Third row: Deb Applewhite, Clinton; Connie Smith, Foxworth; Jan Jenkins, Laurel; Denise Harris, Jackson; Teri Patterson, Sumrall; Janet Upchurch, Pearl; Jackie Sissons, Jackson; Fourth row: Dawn Cooper, Long Beach; Angela Beeson, Brookhaven; India Hyder, Aberdeen; Gladys Jones, Waynesboro; Jodi Reese, Mantachie; Jean Ann Pittenger, Lynchburg, Mo.; Lilly Jolly Holcomb, Hattiesburg; Linda Todd, Oxford.

Homecomings

Salem centennial

Salem Baptist Church, Tylertown will hold its centennial celebration Sept. 4.

Braxton Baptist Church, Braxton: homecoming, Sept. 11; Wesley Miley, former pastor, speaker at 11 a.m.; lunch in the activities building; afternoon singing at 1:30, to feature the Deacons' Quartet from Monticello; Charles Guy, pastor.

Colonial Heights Church, Jackson: 27th annual homecoming, Sept. 11; Old-Fashioned Day, with "turn-of-the-century" costumes to be worn by many; Sunday School at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; morning worship at 9:45 a.m.; showing of the first of Joni Eareckson Tada's film series, "Blessings Out of Brokenness," at 4:30 p.m.; covered dish supper at 5:30 p.m.; outdoor service at 6:30 p.m.

New Lottie Moon film ready for distribution

RICHMOND, Va.—A new 16 mm motion picture about the life of Lottie Moon, "Journey Home: Lottie Moon of China," is available, starting Sept. 1, from the Five Baptist Film Centers.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board production, also available on videotape, takes viewers through a series of flashbacks into Lottie Moon's life.

As she lies on her deathbed in a stateroom aboard the Manchuria during her final journey home, she recalls her life from the first day she arrived as a vivacious young missionary to China.

"The first obvious thing people are going to notice is how real this film seems," said Ken Lawson, Foreign Mission Board director of product development. All outdoor filming was done on location in Taipei, Taiwan.

Byhalia Church: homecoming was held Aug. 28; Chantice Johnson, former pastor at Byhalia, now serving in Fargo, N. D., preached at 11 a.m.; fellowship meal was served at the church at noon; musical program held in afternoon; Ken McMillen, pastor.

Pilgrims Rest, Batesville (Panola): homecoming, Sept. 4; Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.; Paul Harwood, a former pastor, guest speaker for 11 a.m. service; a fellowship lunch at noon; afternoon singing at 1:15, led by Gardner and Wanda Bullington of Southaven; Ray Legge, pastor.

Harmony centennial

Harmony Church, Louisville: 100th anniversary; homecoming, Sept. 18; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11; fellowship dinner at 12; anniversary service at 2 p.m.

The original "Lottie Moon Story," a black-and-white movie produced in 1959, will still be available from film centers. Anyone who orders the new film should clearly specify which of the two they want, Lawson stressed.

Videotapes are available in one-half-inch for VHS (\$25) and three-fourths-inch for U-Matic (\$35). They may be ordered from Video Tape Service, 6350 W. Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas, 76150, or information may be obtained by calling Doug Day at (817) 737-4011.

Film centers will charge a \$10 per use service fee to those who order the 16mm motion picture.

The Baptist Film Center nearest to Mississippi is P. O. Box 161121, Memphis, Tenn. 38116, phone (901) 345-1925.

"Hee Haw" show to honor Nutt

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—A September broadcast of "Hee Haw," the country entertainment show, will feature a tribute to Grady Nutt, the show's "Prime Minister of Humor," who died in a plane crash Nov. 23, 1982.

Darrell Adams, a Southern Baptist singer/songwriter from Louisville, Ky., will perform "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" on the Sept. 17 broadcast of the show in memory of two "Hee Haw" cast members who died during the past year: Nutt and Jimmy Riddle.

Adams sang the same song at a memorial service for Nutt in Louisville following the performer's death and was invited to sing on the show's season opener by a "Hee Haw" producer.

Nutt was returning to his Louisville home from Cullman, Ala., where he had spoken to youth at First Baptist Church, when the private plane in which he was riding crashed. Two pilots also died in the mishap.

"Grady made everyone feel like they were special," said Adams, a friend of Nutt's. "He was a giver."

Family forum coming to Pearl

Lee and Betty Fisher will lead in a "Forum on the Family" at McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl, Sept. 11-14. Lee, author and musician, was for 24 years special research assistant to Billy Graham. Betty has been women's speaker and counselor during many Graham crusades. She will speak to the women and girls, and Lee to the men and boys. As a ventriloquist, Betty will use her "nephew," Ned, to talk to the children.

Sunday's schedule will include a youth meeting at 9:45, morning worship at 10:45, a Sunday sunde party for children at 5 (grades 1-7), children's crusade at 6 p.m., and evening worship at 7. Monday and Tuesday night sessions will begin at 7, and Wednesday at 7:30 (Wed. night supper at 5:30). Curtis L. Williams is pastor.



BECKER BAPTIST CHURCH has licensed two to the gospel ministry. George Henley, pastor, left, presented the licenses. BILL CALDWELL, center, graduate of Mississippi State, is enrolled in Seminary Extension. Roy Jackson, right, who attended Itawamba Junior College, has enrolled at Blue Mountain College for the fall quarter.



Gregory

Two young preachers have recently come out of First Baptist Church, Carthage. They are Mark Gregory and Kim Wolverton. Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gregory of Carthage, and a student at Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, was ordained to the gospel ministry after New Salem Baptist Church, Independence, Mo., called him as associate pastor. John McCall of Vicksburg preached the ordination sermon. In a service licensing Kim to preach, the Carthage pastor, Eddie Hamilton, presented the license. Kim has preached in numerous churches in Leake County this summer and will be attending New Orleans Seminary this fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wolverton of Carthage.



JAMIE STARK, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stark of Bruce, has received from the Schoona Valley Baptist Church a license to preach the gospel. The pastor, Roger W. Webb, Sr., right, presented the license. Stark is a student at Liberty Baptist College, Lynchburg, Va.

Julie Batman was presented with an American Red Cross "Certificate of Merit" for selfless and humane action taken on Dec. 13, 1982 when she administered first aid to Julia Pope, victim of a choking accident, and saved her life. The "Certificate of Merit" is the highest award given by the American Red Cross to a person who saves or sustains a life by using skills and knowledge learned in a volunteer training program offered by the Red Cross in first aid, small craft, or water safety. The certificate bears the original signatures of the President of the United States, Honorary Chairman, and Jerome H. Holland, Chairman of the American Red Cross. Julie Batman and Julia Pope are employees of the Morrison Heights Child Development Center, a ministry of the Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton.

At a recent family night supper Bennett Church honored Bobby and Mrs. Walton on their first anniversary as pastor. Along with expressions of appreciation the church presented the Waltons with a monogrammed brass bowl.

Revival dates

Damascus Church (Cotiah): youth revival; Sept. 2-3; at 7 each night; Lee Shaw, evangelist; Randy Shaw, in charge of music; Wayne Rowan, pastor; youth fellowship time to follow the Sat. evening service.

Poplarville dedicates family life center

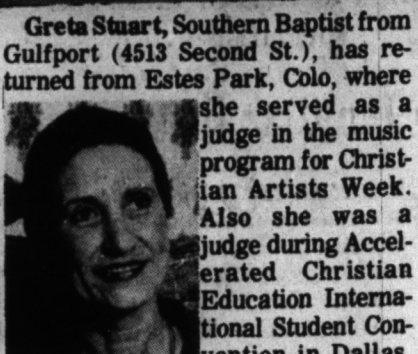
Poplarville's First Baptist Church dedicated a half-million dollar family life-education complex Sunday, Aug. 14.

"It was a very successful day, a terrific day," said Jack Gregory, the church's new pastor, who was officially welcomed during Sunday's festivities.

"We fed over 500 people after the Sunday morning worship services, and our people were saying that's the largest group that has ever been fed here," Gregory said. He pointed out that the current worship structure was constructed during the Great Depression when times were hard, but through those efforts and struggles accomplished by faith, the church grew over the years.

The new facility houses a gymnasium for sporting activities, new classrooms, a kitchen, a serving area, and a library.

The facility, already half paid for, was begun while Robert Barnes was



Stuart

Greta Stuart, Southern Baptist from Gulfport (4513 Second St.), has returned from Estes Park, Colo., where she served as a judge in the music program for Christian Artists Week. Also she was a judge during Accelerated Christian Education International Student Convention in Dallas, Tex., during which she helped to judge 160 duets. Mrs. Stuart is director of public relations for Lanny Wolfe, composer and artist who sang during the convention in Dallas. She has been invited to Los Angeles to do a television program with Trinity Broadcasting and a special with Lanny Wolfe and Pat Boone. Mrs. Stuart said that she is available for musical judging, church, county, state, or international.

David Roberson has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Salem Baptist Church, Lauderdale Association. He is a graduate of William Carey College and has enrolled in the New Orleans Seminary. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberson, Toombs. He is available for supply or youth ministries and can be contacted by phone at 632-1161.

Conceit may puff a man up, but it can never prop him up.

pastor, but was completed by members without the aid of a full-time pastor.

Barnes currently serving as a professor at the New Orleans Seminary, returned to preach the dedicatory message at 2 p.m., which was followed by a guided tour of the facility.



On hand for the dedication of First Baptist Church Poplarville's new family life center were (left to right) Ron McCully, minister of youth and education; Carlos Mizell, chairman of the building committee; Jack Gregory, new pastor; Robert Barnes, former pastor and now a professor at New Orleans Seminary; Buddy Moody, chairman of deacons; and J. D. Batson, minister of music. Barnes preached the dedicatory message.



The Bollses

Wildwood commissions missionaries

Don and Teresa Bollses, charter members of Wildwood Baptist Church, Clinton, and called of the Lord to be missionaries, received a commission Aug. 28 from their home church to serve in Niger, in interior Africa. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board May 24, 1983.

Don and Teresa Bollses felt their call of God back in 1978 at which time they left Wildwood and began a five year intensive program of study and preparation. Their venture of becoming equipped for service in the Lord's work has taken them to Hinds Junior College, Mississippi State University, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In September they will be leaving for Pine Mountain, Ga. for two months of orientation provided by the Foreign Mission Board.

Before they arrive in Niger in January of 1985, they will complete their final phase of preparation in Tours, France for language study.

The Bollses have two children, Stacy, 8½, and Matt, 7. In the Niger Republic, Donald will be an agricultural evangelist. Teresa will be a home and church worker. He was born and reared in Jackson and has been a technician for AT&T in Jackson and a farm manager at Big Creek. She is the former Teresa Downey.

Thinking is one thing no one has ever been able to tax.—C.F. Kettering.

Julian Fagan has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Pontotoc. He goes from Fort Worth, Tex., where he was graduated in July, 1983, from Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Also he is a graduate of R. H. Watkins High School, Laurel, and University of Mississippi (B.A. and juris doctor degrees). From 1973 until 1981, he practiced law in Amory. As a professional athlete, he was one of the New Orleans Saints, 1970-72, and New York Jets, 1973-74. He served as associate pastor/youth minister (1968-69) at North Oxford Baptist Church, Oxford, and as interim pastor (1980-81) at First Baptist Church, Nettleton. First Baptist Church, Amory, ordained him to the gospel ministry in 1980.

South Twenty-eight Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, has called Mark B. Lott as minister of education and youth.

Lott is a graduate of Jones County Junior College and William Carey College. He received the master of religious education degree in May from New Orleans Seminary.

Previously, Lott served with the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans, New Palestine Church, Picayune, and First Church, Petal.

Bill Roberts has accepted a call to the Sheridan Road Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., as minister of music and youth. He goes from the Calvary Baptist Church, Vicksburg.

Friendship Church, Grenada, has called Ronnie Mitchell as pastor. The minister of music and youth, Tommy Gillon, has resigned to enter New Orleans Seminary.

James R. (Jimmy) Harrington, Jr., has accepted the pastorate of Antioch Baptist Church, Columbus, (Lowndes Association). He goes from Star Baptist Church (Rankin County).

Brad Hodges has resigned as pastor of Chesterville Baptist Church, Lee County.

Richmond Baptist Church, Lee Association, has called Don Vail as director of music.

First Church, Long Beach, has called Tony Gray as minister of youth. He and his wife, Karen, have returned from Brazil, where they served two years as missionary journeymen. Also the church has called an education director, Jean Thomas, who moved from First Church, Gulfport, where she was preschool director.

Tommy Byrd, organist and music assistant for nearly three years at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, has accepted a call from Crossgates Baptist Church, Brandon, to become its minister of music.

Everett Denton, former pastor of Arkabutla Baptist Church, Northwest Association, has become pastor of Mohoba Baptist Church, Greene Association. The work at Mohoba is receiving financial assistance from First Baptist Church, Leakeville.

Al Styron has been called as pastor of Hollywood Baptist Church, Sledge. He and his family have moved from Louisville, Ky. to Sledge. He will be ordained to the ministry on Sunday morning, Sept. 4, at First Baptist Church, Magee.

State Boulevard Baptist Church, Meridian, has called Buddy McElroy as music director and Lorie McElroy as church organist. Jimmie Smithy has been called as activities director. He is a native of New Albany, a graduate of the University of Mississippi, and has attended New Orleans Seminary. William F. Evans is pastor.

Clark Stewart has resigned as minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs. He is attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and plans to go into full-time evangelistic work. He is available for revivals, youth rallies, pulpit supply, and Bible Conferences. He can be reached by mail at 301 Stevens Street, Picayune, Miss. and by phone at 798-6903.

Curtis E. James has just completed thirteen months as interim pastor in Leake Association, five months at Good Hope and eight months at Lena. He is now available for supply or interim. He may be called at 856-2959, or contacted through the mail at Route 3, 142 Lakeshore Dr., Jackson, Miss. 39213.

Bel Aire Church, Gulf Coast, has called Charles Rodgers as pastor. He has moved from the Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, where he was minister of education for three years.

Helena to celebrate 125th

First Baptist Church of Helena, Pascagoula, in Jackson County, will hold its 125th anniversary celebration on Sept. 11. Valton Douglas of Laurel will preach. Lamar Callahan of Pascagoula will lead the music. "The Harmony Brothers" of Waynesboro will present special music in the afternoon.

THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM
Baptist Children's Village
P. O. Box 11308 Jackson, MS 39213

Gifts of Honor and Memory July 26 - August 25

A portion of the Village View is allocated each month to a listing of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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Dedication services for the new WOODLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, CHICKASAW COUNTY, were held July 10. The building is debt free and features a fellowship hall, kitchen, and baptistry. The pastor is Jack Inmon.



THE YOUTH MISSION TOUR CHOIR OF TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, HATTIESBURG, recently completed a tour to Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Alabama. The choir, brass ensemble, and handbells performed in churches and at the Capitol Building in Washington. Congressman Trent Lott presented the group with an American flag. The primary thrust of the trip was to work in backyard Bible Clubs at Knollwood Baptist Church, Burke Centre, Va. Revival services were held nightly. Jim Watson, minister of music, and Richard Davis, minister of youth, were tour coordinators. Harry L. Lucenay is pastor.



Carmel Church, Monticello, observed ground breaking ceremonies May 29 for the new children's annex which is now under construction. Pictured with the pastor, Robert L. Dunn, and members of the congregation, are the building committee. They are L. W. Johns, chairman; James Landrum; Shelton Givens; L. T. Givens; and Mike Wilson.



GIRLS' AUXILIARY members from Philadelphia recently visited Georgia, studying language missions work in that state. They toured Georgia Baptist Center, First Spanish Baptist Church of Atlanta, and other places. Pictured at the Baptist Center are (back row, l to r) Jeannie Santiago of Georgia Baptist Convention staff, Loida Valdez of First Spanish Baptist Church of Atlanta and Roberta Byars, GA director at First Church, Philadelphia. Front row (l to r) are Jessica Robles and Pili Nova of Atlanta, plus Amy Burnette, Pam Huffman, and Hope Wood of Philadelphia.



Sixteen from First Baptist Church, Holly Springs were in Dover, Ohio, Aug. 5-13 to conduct Vacation Bible Schools and lead in revivals. Donnie Stewart, pastor, preached and Mike McNulty directed the music. Other members of the group sang and presented personal testimonies in two churches, Community Baptist Chapel, Dover, and Twin Cities Baptist Mission, Urichsville, Ohio. Johnny Hutchinson, youth director, coordinated the trip. Among those who went were (back row, l to r): Russell Dodds, Aubrey Dodson, Charles Shaw; (second row) Mike McNulty, Johnny Hutchinson, Milton Bell, Patricia Shaw and Camille Shaw; (first row) Jan Hutchinson, Judy Howell, Shelly Howell, Sherry Howell, Debbie McNulty, Donnie Stewart, Patrick Shaw, and Mrs. Donie Stewart. Not pictured is Greg Gregory.



Youth of First Baptist Church, Magnolia, went to Ruidoso Downs, N.M., in July. Under direction of Jerry Weber, minister of youth, and Rodger Banes, minister of music, they conducted Backyard Bible Clubs and religious surveys, and participated in recreational activities with First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs. Accompanying the group were Mrs. Denise Banes, Mrs. Sandra Adams, Mrs. Mary Ann O'Brien, and Ms. Sydney Lanier. The young people were: Bridgette Bryant, Keith Carruth, Missy Lenoir, Charlene Lenoir, Randy Lenoir, Leslie Lowery, Cliff Magee, Jo Ann O'Brien, John Prescott, Charlene Roland, Michael Ruble, Durnee Simmons, Mike Smith, and Jason Temple.



CLIFF TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, NATCHEZ, held a commissioning service for its members who were leaving to do volunteer work in Pennsylvania. The call of missionaries was given by the pastor and his wife, Bill and Fannie Dowdy, and the missionary challenge from Isaiah 6:1-13 was given by Gene Bobo. Those who went to do Vacation Bible School, Backyard Bible Club, puppet ministry, youth choir, door-to-door visitation, and revival work included: Rachel Germany, Tabatha Jones, Missy Breland, Carolyn Walter, Dana Hill, Desha Wheeler, Melissa Hinson, Mrs. Margaret Hill, Terry & Annie Ruth Stacy, Scott & Dacia Thomas, George & Betty Tarver, & Johnny, Gene & Cindy Bobo, & Tracie, Robert & Shelia Huff, & Courtney, Wendell Rushing, Mark James, Mike Upton, Michael Wheeler, Tim Dowdy, David Tarver, James Tarver, Bit Perry, Glenn & Rhonda Switzer, Bill and Fannie Dowdy.

Calvary Baptist Church, Columbus, Lowndes County, enrolled 97 in its Vacation Bible School May 30-June 3. Mike Carroll, minister of youth, was director; Roy Hawkins, pastor, served as joint worship service leader. A group of 20 children from the church took a trip to Libertyland, Memphis, Tenn. on July 23.

Young people of Calvary Baptist Church, Columbus, Mike Carroll, minister of youth, and counselors, traveled to Atlanta, Ga., where on Aug. 15 and 16 they visited the Home Mission Board and Six Flags, and had a Bible study time and prayer retreat. Earlier, on Aug. 11-12, the youths had taken a camping trip to Lake Ann at French Camp for final sessions of Vacation Bible School (which was held Aug. 8-12) and fellowship. Afterward they attended youth night in Jackson. Roy Hawkins is pastor.

The music and youth ministries of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, under the direction of Jim Watson, minister of music, and Richard Davis, minister of youth, sponsored an eight-week summer children's ministry called KID'S PRAISE. Each Tuesday, over 90 children met at the church for a varied program of recreation, crafts, music, and inspiration. The program concluded with singing of KID'S PRAISE III and a trip to Audubon Park Zoo in New Orleans. Harry Lucenay is pastor.

Devotional Sight for things unseen

By Robert H. Perry Sr., pastor, First Church, Waynesboro
Daniel 4:37

Sometimes our minds are so blinded with the proud glimmer of fad and fancy that the heavenly glories are lost to our spiritual vision. In mercy God places us in some dark room where the shades of gloom and despair are pulled down so tight against the window sash that we are greatly overwhelmed. In dismay we cry, "Why, oh why, this darkness?" Perhaps we can find the answer in the following story.

A man was invited by an artist to come to his house to see a picture which he had just finished. When the visitor arrived, he was taken into a room which was completely dark, and there he was left for a quarter of an hour alone. When the artist came for him, he expressed his surprise at the reception that had been given to him.

The artist replied, "Well, I knew if you came to the studio with the glare of the street in your eyes, you would never be able to appreciate the fine coloring of my picture, and so I left you in the dark until the glare had faded from your eyes."

Is not this the secret of why God so many times leaves his children in the darkness? When we are dazzled by the pleasures and successes of this present life, though in them we find temporary happiness, we cannot see the things that are unseen, and an interval is necessary in the darkness until the glare has worn away from our eyes. Then with spiritual sight we can see the things that are unseen.

Bible Book

A frustrating life

By Harry L. Lucenay, pastor, Temple Church, Hattiesburg
Ecclesiastes 7:1-9:15

The quotation and adaptation of familiar proverbs was one of the instructional techniques of the wisdom teachers. Chapter 7 begins with a collection of proverbs plus a personal experience. In general, this chapter teaches that in this world the good has not absolute, but relative value. True understanding, the writer says, comes not from the carefree mirth of the fool, but from a soberminded contemplation of the end of one's earthly existence. He seems to believe reverence for God is shown by a moderation which is not moral indifference but the recognition that, while wisdom is important, no man can be perfect.

In chapter 8, the writer suggests a wholesome respect for the absolute power of the monarch, and encourages the reader to conduct himself with discretion in his relations with the ruler. The final portion of this chapter is a personal struggle for the writer. He cannot get over the reality that when they die, some wrongdoers are praised rather than condemned. He sees the delay in God's judgment as a license for men to go on sinning. Therefore, since a man cannot count on his virtue being recompensed, he must find his only compensation for life's struggle in the daily enjoyment of living.

Within this text we find the Old Testament rendering of a key New Testament verse. Paul wrote to the Romans, "since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) and pointed out the universality of sin. In Ecclesiastes 7:20, our writer gives this same thought, "Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins." Although this text is not our keynote passage in this study, it is important that it be exposed, for a sound theology must rest on a broad base of scripture. Man's sinfulness is stated and illustrated throughout the Bible. Mixed experiences produce a balanced life (7:2, 3, 8-10, 13-14).

Men live for special days. However, all too often on these special days, men are tempted at these high occasions toward immorality, gluttony, and drunkenness. The writer states that wiser, more enduring lessons are to be learned where brief grief reigns than in the empty and momentary excitement of mirth and joyousness. The ancient Egyptians used to seat a skeleton at the table during feast days to remind them of the temporary nature of this life. The discipline of sorrow leads to a realistic appraisal of life which brings happiness, while the excesses

of mirth lead to unhappiness.

Men need balance in life. They need prosperity to encourage them and to give them opportunity. They need adversity to teach them and make them consider the serious side of life. It is God who determines the mingling of adversity and prosperity in a person's life.

Another aspect of balance is perseverance. Many a man knows the exhilaration of beginning a great task. Many a life is littered with the remnants of half-finished projects because man has failed to finish what he started. This world is filled with the disease of the desire for immediate gratification. God would have men learn important lessons during the process of life's projects. Men must learn perseverance in order to achieve maturity.

The next aspect of balance is a willingness to recognize that "this is the day the Lord hath made." The past is seldom better than the present. The good old days are TODAY. Men glorify the past and watch marriages, families, work, and churches filled with opportunity and happiness slip through their fingers. When men dwell on their current problems and remember the good times they had in the past, they distort reality. Unfortunately, many people do not learn from history that problems are normal. However, the real reason men play up the awful conditions of today is to justify their own lack of productivity and achievement. Today is the best day of your life.

Malicious statements should go unheeded (7:21-22)—One does not have to live long for some wag to take a cheap verbal shot at him. Wisdom comes in learning what to listen to and what to fail to hear. The wise man realizes he has opened his mouth to say some things about people when he should have sealed his lips. Therefore, he chooses not to listen to frivolous comments. The foolish man listens to the frivolous and sways like a reed blowing in the wind. Since everyone hears a different drummer, sees through a different lens, and perceives through a different filter, one must make decisions based on principle rather than emotions. Everything a man communicates is based upon his impressions from limited resources. Therefore, the godly man will keep expanding his information from proven authorities, listen for truth, speak truth and be motivated by truth.

Uniform

God of creation

By Clarence H. Cutrell, Jackson
Gen. 1:1; Psalms 19:1-6; 136:3-9; Acts 17:24-28; Rom. 1:20

With this lesson we begin a new quarter, the first of the 1983-84 year, dealing with the general subject, "Our Biblical Faith." Many verses in various books of the Bible will be used. The first unit will consist of four lessons on "God Reveals Himself." The surest defense which a Christian has against the false teachings of the rapidly multiplying religious groups in the world is to know what he believes, why he believes it, and at least some of the scriptural sources which reveal those truths. These lessons are designed to help us in this vital matter.

1. Heaven and earth are God's creation (Gen. 1:1). The statement, "In the beginning God created," could be meaningfully turned around to read, "God created the beginning." This was indeed the beginning of time which has been defined as duration measured by successive events. Before God created, there was no time and it will cease to be with the destruction of God's creation in indescribable heat.

This creation is not only the beginning of time, it is the beginning of man's knowledge. It is also the point at which man's faith has a logical beginning. If we cannot believe what God tells us in his Word about the beginning of all things, how can we believe his word about any of the subsequent events of time? These words were written not out of experience, but by faith. To accept them by faith is the most simple and logical explanation of how the heaven and the earth and all things related to them, including man himself, came into being.

2. God's creation, heaven and earth, bears witness to God's act of creation (Ps. 19:1-6). God tells us in his Word, in Genesis, that he created the heaven and the earth. But knowing how slow man would be to believe his word, he tells us further in Psalms and in many other places that there is evidence in his creation itself that speaks to the fact that he, God omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent, is the creator of all things.

Nature speaks to man in an inaudible, wordless language which, nevertheless, can be understood by men of all languages. It speaks a message of revelation to the effect that the source of all created things is a being of indescribable glory and incomparable power. And "day unto day" and "night unto night," the sun ruling by day and the moon and the stars by night, and each following the other in regular and unbroken succession across the centuries, speak of an or-

der, a plan, and a purpose which can be explained and understood only by the existence of a God who is forever above and beyond the wisdom of man.

It is true that some men of all ages, seeing all of this beauty and perfection in nature, have made an idol of the sun and other parts of God's creation and have failed to make that all-important step of faith designed of God to lead them beyond nature to recognize in it the handiwork of a God of wisdom and purpose.

On the other hand, there have been many self-acclaimed wise men who have looked upon nature as man's domain and have produced weird theories as to how it all came to be. Alexander McClaren in his work on Psalms in *The Expositor's Bible* says, "The unscientific psalmist who did hear 'the heavens telling the glory of God' was nearer the very heart of the mystery (of created things) than the scientist who knows everything else about them but that."

3. God's creation includes man to whom he has given dominion over all of the works of his hands (Acts 17:24-28). Luke makes the assertion here that God, the Creator, is not dependent for anything upon man, the creature; rather, it is the other way around. It is in him that man finds the source of his life, his existence, and all of the things necessary to his being, both physical and spiritual.

Moreover, this God is sovereign over all of his creation, including the lives of all men. He determines into which period of history our lives will be set and how far each life will reach. And he has made all of us of one. Frank Staggs in his book, *The Book of Acts*, explains at this point that "we do not need the word 'blood' or 'flesh' or any such word" to complete the thought of one. God has made each and every one of us of one. Although we differ in many characteristics, we are all 'his offspring,' made in his image, bearing his likeness.

4. A summarizing thought about God, his creation, and man is found here (Rom. 1:20). What an incomprehensible miracle is creation! The very way in which God has made it and causes it to serve speaks eloquently, not only of the existence of God, but also of the invisible things of God. These are clearly seen and understood by the things that are made. We see him as all-wise, all-loving, and all-powerful. We can say with a deep sense of awe, "We are fearfully and wonderfully made."

Life and work

Tragedy to fulfillment

By Larry W. Fields, pastor, Harrisburg, Tupelo
Ruth 1:1, 8, 16-17, 22; 2:5-7; 3:11; 4:13, 17b

The book of Ruth is one of the most loved and the most beautiful stories in the Bible. It also includes a number of spiritual lessons with the main emphasis on the fact that God can bring triumph out of tragedy.

We learn that life is a combination of thundershowers and sunshine. God does not will calamity but he works in it for our good.

The setting is Judah and neighboring Moab. Principal characters are Naomi, Ruth, and later, Boaz. Ruth is the focus of our study as she is a beautiful example of faith and love overcoming hardship.

I. A terrible tragedy (Ruth 1:1,8)

As soon as we are introduced to Naomi and her family, we can observe how she faced one heartache after another. A heat wave and drought hit Judah hard. A famine developed which affected everyone. It was so bad that Elimelech, Naomi's husband, decided to move his family to Moab, 120 miles away. Though short in distance to us, it was a traumatic adjustment for them as they entered a strange land, with different people, a new language, a strange culture, and a pagan religion.

During the ensuing years, her sons married two young women from Moab. After this, Naomi received three consecutive, tragic blows. Her husband died and in succession her sons died. Few people have suffered as much hardship and sorrow as Naomi.

After ten years in a foreign land and being alone, except for two daughters-in-law from Moab, Naomi longed to go home to Judah. The two young women followed her to the border, but she prevailed on them to return to their people and begin life over again. Naomi knew that a childless widow had a difficult existence and she loved these two girls enough to think of their best interests. They had grown attached to her and admired her faith and her religion. Yet, they knew she was right. One of them, Orpah, returned; but the other, Ruth would not let go.

II. A remarkable decision (Ruth 1:16-17, 22)

Ruth responded to her mother-in-law with one of the most profound statements and one of the most wonderful confessions found in the annals of literature. She had seen something so magnetic and so contagious about Naomi that she was willing to follow her and face all the difficulties ahead. This was no small choice. By making this decision she was turning away from her home, her family, her friends

and her religion. Yet, despite the reasons against it, she responded out of a growing awareness of love for Naomi and a growing conviction about Naomi's God.

Naomi's witness reminds us that Christianity is "caught" more than it is "taught." Ruth's example reminds us that in a world full of egotism, selfishness and over-bearing people, caring love and sacrifice will help rebuild shattered lives.

Naomi returned to her home, Bethlehem, and brought her daughter-in-law with her. When friends recognized Naomi, she reminded them that her life had changed from pleasantness to bitterness. She soon began to realize, however, that God had wonderful things in store for her and Ruth.

III. A happy ending (Ruth 2:5-7; 3:11, 4:13, 17b)

Ruth began to work gleaning in the grain fields to provide for the two of them. This was lowly, degrading labor as the poor would work hours in the hot sun, searching for grain fragments after the harvest has been taken.

A wealthy planter, Boaz, noticed the young woman gleaning in his field and inquired of her. He was impressed by her beauty, but also by the loyalty and support she gave to her mother-in-law. He was attracted by these genuine qualities of love and care. His attraction and concern for her grew into love. He invited her to glean in his fields regularly and ordered his men not to disturb her. He also arranged for her to have food and water with his workers and even had his men drop extra grain in her area to assure her a generous gathering.

When Naomi hears about this mutual attraction between Ruth and Boaz, she leads Ruth to help Boaz do what he wanted to do all along. Using the ancient practice of the go'el on protection, Boaz, as a distant kin of Naomi, was to marry her daughter-in-law and redeem the land once owned by Elimelech. Ruth is married and they move into a beautiful home. Later a son is born and Naomi's sunset years are bright and happy.

Ruth stands out as one of the greatest women of the Bible. In her example we see God's hand as he brings triumph out of tragedy and joy out of sorrow. In her example we see love work a miracle as it lifted these two women out of poverty and insecurity into a life of joy and peace, with a son, Obed, whose lineage would lead to David and eventually, the Savior, Jesus Christ.